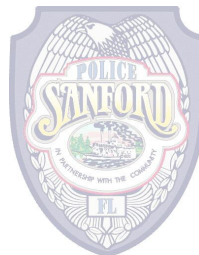

PRESS RELEASE

TO: News Media

FROM: Sergeant David Morgenstern,
Public Information Officer

DATE: March 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Response to ABC News



The Sanford Police Department is receiving requests to respond to an ABC News story that reported “a source inside the police department” told them a narcotics detective participated in interviews of Zimmerman. It is true that a narcotics investigator conducted the initial interview with Zimmerman. The inference in this report somehow indicates that our investigation was substandard by using a narcotics investigator rather than a homicide investigator.

Our on-call major crimes investigator along with several other investigators responded to the crime scene to assist. We are confident that our investigative team conducted a quality investigation and if needed we welcome any independent review.